

that readily authorize appraisers who are licensed or certified in one State (and who are in good standing with their State appraiser certifying or licensing agency) to perform appraisals in other States.

(c) Supplemental funding

Funds available to the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies may be made available to the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council to support the council's¹ functions under this chapter.

(d) Prohibition against discrimination

Criteria established by the Federal financial institutions regulatory agencies, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and the Resolution Trust Corporation for appraiser qualifications in addition to State certification or licensing shall not exclude a certified or licensed appraiser for consideration for an assignment solely by virtue of membership or lack of membership in any particular appraisal organization.

(e) Other requirements

A corporation, partnership, or other business entity may provide appraisal services in connection with federally related transactions if such appraisal is prepared by individuals certified or licensed in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. An individual who is not a State certified or licensed appraiser may assist in the preparation of an appraisal if—

- (1) the assistant is under the direct supervision of a licensed or certified individual; and
- (2) the final appraisal document is approved and signed by an individual who is certified or licensed.

(f) Studies

(1) Study

The Appraisal Subcommittee shall—

(A) conduct a study to determine whether real estate sales and financing information and data that is available to real estate appraisers in the States is sufficient to permit appraisers to properly estimate the values of properties in connection with federally related transactions; and

(B) study the feasibility and desirability of extending the provisions of this chapter to the function of personal property appraising and to personal property appraisers in connection with Federal financial and public policy interests.

(2) Report

The Appraisal Subcommittee shall—

(A) report its findings to the Congress with respect to the study described in paragraph (1)(A) no later than 12 months after August 9, 1989, and

(B) report its findings with respect to the study described in paragraph (1)(B) to Congress not later than 18 months after August 9, 1989.

(Pub. L. 101-73, title XI, §1122, Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 518; Pub. L. 103-325, title III, §315, Sept. 23, 1994, 108 Stat. 2222.)

¹ So in original. Probably should be capitalized.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-325, §315(3), redesignated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, redesignated former pars. (1) to (3) as subpars. (A) to (C) of par. (1), and added par. (2).

Subsecs. (b) to (f). Pub. L. 103-325, §315(1), (2), added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsecs. (b) to (e) as (c) to (f), respectively.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 3337 of this title.

§ 3352. Emergency exceptions for disaster areas

(a) In general

Each Federal financial institutions regulatory agency may, by regulation or order, make exceptions to this chapter, and to standards prescribed pursuant to this chapter, for transactions involving institutions for which the agency is the primary Federal regulator with respect to real property located within a disaster area if the agency—

(1) makes the exception not later than 30 months after the date on which the President determines, pursuant to section 5170 of title 42, that a major disaster exists in the area; and

(2) determines that the exception—

(A) would facilitate recovery from the major disaster; and

(B) is consistent with safety and soundness.

(b) 3-year limit on exceptions

Any exception made under this section shall expire not later than 3 years after the date of the determination referred to in subsection (a)(1) of this section.

(c) Publication required

Any Federal financial institutions regulatory agency shall publish in the Federal Register a statement that—

(1) describes any exception made under this section; and

(2) explains how the exception—

(A) would facilitate recovery from the major disaster; and

(B) is consistent with safety and soundness.

(d) “Disaster area” defined

For purposes of this section, the term “disaster area” means an area in which the President, pursuant to section 5170 of title 42, has determined that a major disaster exists.

(Pub. L. 101-73, title IX, §1123, as added Pub. L. 102-485, §2, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2771.)

**CHAPTER 35—RIGHT TO FINANCIAL
PRIVACY**

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3403.	Confidentiality of financial records.
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	(c) Notification to Government authority of existence of relevant information in records.

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	(d) Release of records as incident to perfection of security interest, proving a claim in bankruptcy, collecting a debt, or processing an application with regard to a Government loan, loan guarantee, etc.	(e) Disclosure pursuant to Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure or comparable rules of other courts.	
3404.	Customer authorizations.	(f) Disclosure pursuant to administrative subpoena issued by administrative law judge.	
	(a) Statement furnished by customer to financial institution and Government authority; contents.	(g) Disclosure pursuant to legitimate law enforcement inquiry respecting name, address, account number, and type of account of particular customers.	
	(b) Authorization as condition of doing business prohibited.	(h) Disclosure pursuant to lawful proceeding, investigation, etc., directed at financial institution or legal entity or consideration or administration respecting Government loans, loan guarantees, etc.	
	(c) Right of customer to access to financial institution's record of disclosures.	(i) Disclosure pursuant to issuance of subpoena or court order respecting grand jury proceeding.	
3405.	Administrative subpoena and summons.	(j) Disclosure pursuant to proceeding, investigation, etc., instituted by General Accounting Office and directed at a government authority.	
3406.	Search warrants.	(k) Disclosure necessary for proper administration of programs of withholding taxes on nonresident aliens, Federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Benefits, and Railroad Retirement Act Benefits.	
	(a) Applicability of Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.	(l) Crimes against financial institutions by insiders.	
	(b) Mailing of copy and notice to customer.	(m) Disclosure to, or examination by, employees or agents of Board of Governors of Federal Reserve System or Federal Reserve Bank.	
	(c) Court-ordered delays in mailing.	(n) Disclosure to, or examination by, Resolution Trust Corporation or its employees or agents.	
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	(a) Disclosure of financial records not identified with particular customers.		
	(b) Disclosure to, or examination by, supervisory agency pursuant to exercise of supervisory, regulatory, or monetary functions with respect to financial institutions, holding companies, subsidiaries, institution-affiliated parties, or other persons.		
	(c) Disclosure pursuant to title 26.		
	(d) Disclosure pursuant to Federal statute or rule promulgated thereunder.		

CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in title 15 sections 78u, 78x; title 38 section 5319; title 50 section 436.

§ 3401. Definitions

For the purpose of this chapter, the term—

(1) “financial institution” means any office of a bank, savings bank, card issuer as defined in section 1602(n) of title 15, industrial loan company, trust company, savings association,